

MINUTES  
SOMERS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
MARCH 23, 2023

ATTENDEES: Dave Hayes, Rick Kinkel, Dan Vachal, Cardi Chmielewski, Chelsey Spence, Tom Havens, and Beth Dotson

STAFF ATTENDEES: RT Kienas

VISITORS: Frank Wieferich

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Dave Hayes.

Rick Kinkel made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023 Board Meeting. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Chelsey Spence motioned to approve March 23, 2023 bills for 7202 in the amount of \$13,985.96. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Old Hall – Received appraisal. Realtor took pictures. He will publish the notice in Daily Interlake legal and list on-line on the MLS website. Notice in the paper must run two consecutive weeks. Offers will be accepted through April 24, 2023.

Irrigation System – tabled till Spring. Request additional quote.

Boiler Certification – Certification complete.

Road to Training Site – tabled till Spring.

Cameras - DCS installed cameras in community room and kitchen. They also addressed issues with doorbell that is still under warranty. If doorbell fails again it will not be replaced.

False Alarm Letter Notification - A resolution will be drafted to address recurring false alarms at the same locations. Draft resolution will be presented at the April Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Montana State Fund Audit – Audit was performed on March 13. Need to record start and end dates of employment.

Floor Maintenance – Received a quote to strip and wax floors (four coats of wax in two phases) at the Somer's Hall for \$1234.80. Rick Kinkel made a motion to have the floors refurbished. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.

Laser Lights – Chief requested three (3) more lights for the Lakeside Hall to be purchased out of the general fund. Chelsey Spence made a motion to purchase three (3) additional laser lights. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

By Laws – Article 4 Section A of the By Laws requires three (3) readings before By Laws are amended. During the February 2023, the Board discussed changing the Board meeting date from the third Tuesday of the month to the fourth Thursday of the month to accommodate timing of bill due dates. A resolution will be prepared and presented at the April Board Meeting. This will count as the third reading.

#### Secretary Wages

Dan Vachal made a motion to increase the secretary's wages from \$250/mo to \$350/mo. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

#### FIRE CHIEF'S UPDATE

Calls - 21 calls in March. 57 calls to date.

DNRC Grant – Association submitted an application for a DNRC grant that is a 50/50 split. If successful, grant will be used to purchase new wildland shelters and 300 feet of 1½" hose. If awarded, DNRC's portion will be paid by March 2024.

Donation - Association received a \$5200 donation from the Lakeside Community Club. Monies will be used to purchase a fan and protectors for air masks.

Elks Grant – Association is applying for a \$3700 grant from the Elks Club. Monies will be used for four (4) buddy hoses, if successful.

Shelving – Dan Vachal made a motion to purchase three (3) shelving units at a cost of \$220 each to be paid by Bond account. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried. Shelving will be used to organize the upstairs area of the Somer's Hall.

Rick Kinkel made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:00. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Beth Dotson  
SRFD Secretary